Assembly Bill No. 781

CHAPTER 130

An act to add Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 51430) to Chapter 3 of Part 28 of the Education Code, relating to public schools.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 781, Lieber. World War II internees: high school diplomas. Existing law sets forth the requirements for the issuance of high school diplomas or equivalency certificates.

This bill would, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, authorize a high school district, unified school district, or county office of education, to retroactively grant a high school diploma to a former pupil who was interned in the United States by order of the federal government during World War II, as provided.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 51430) is added to Chapter 3 of Part 28 of the Education Code, to read:

Article 3.5. High School Diplomas for World War II Internees

51430. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a high school district, unified school district, or county office of education, may retroactively grant a high school diploma to a person who has not received a high school diploma if he or she was interned by order of the federal government during World War II and was enrolled in a high school operated by the school district or under the jurisdiction of the county office of education immediately preceding his or her internment and did not receive a high school diploma because the pupil's education was interrupted due to his or her internment during World War II.